

RESPONSE TO THE RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In the Office Action dated November 7, 2008, a restriction has been requested among the following groups of claims:

Group I: Claims 1-70;

Group II: Claims 72-74;

Group III: Claims 77-93.

In response, Applicant requests examination of Group I, corresponding to claims 1-70. This election is made without traverse, and without prejudice to file one or more divisional or continuation applications containing the claims corresponding to Groups II and III.

In addition, an election has been requested among species A-Q, which the Office Action has identified as corresponding to certain among claims 28-70. Claims 1-27 have been identified as generic.

In response, Applicant requests examination of species N, corresponding to claims 54-58. This election is to be considered provisional and without prejudice to request examination of claims 28-53 and 59-70 after allowance of at least one generic claim.

Applicant submits that the present application is now in condition for examination. Should any additional information be required, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney.

Dated: December 7, 2008

Respectfully submitted,

/Franco A. Serafini/

Franco A. Serafini, Registration No. 52,207

Attorney for Applicant

Tel.: (858) 456-2898

Fax: (858) 225-3920

THEMIS INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY COUNSEL
7660 Fay Avenue, Suite H535
La Jolla, CA 92037